

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 12 to 14 have been cancelled. Reconsideration and allowance of amended independent claim 5 and dependent claims 2, and 6-11 is respectfully requested.

In the Office action of July 6, 2010 Claim 5 has been rejected over USP 6712292 to Gosis et al in view of USP 6820824 Joseph et al. Gosis et al is directed to an independent member in the form of a two armed articulated adapter to connect arm to a paint spray gun and its other arm to a paint container. Joseph et al is directed to a liner for a paint spray container and only incidentally shows a specific bayonet connection between a paint spray gun and a paint container. Each reference is directed to unrelated subject matter shows only a single specific type of connection between a paint container and a paint spray gun.

Claim 5 as amended recites that a tubular connector (5) is formed directly on the cover (2) of the paint container. The tubular connector defines a first portion integrally formed with the cover (2) and a terminal portion with an opening. The terminal portion defines external threads (7) for attachment with a paint spray gun having an inlet with internal threads. The first portion of the tubular connector is of larger diameter than the terminal portion. The first portion defines a screw wedge element (8) that extends for about half the periphery of the first portion from an entry point to a terminal point for engaging a counter-surface on the spray paint gun for direct quick-connect attachment of the flow reservoir to the paint spray gun. Neither reference shows these detailed recited limitations of claim 5 nor the detailed recited limitations concerning screw-in depth. There is no motivation or basis for combining these cited references to achieve a structure that would be characterized with the recited detailed limitations of claim 5. The structure claimed in claim 5 by these detailed limitations enables the paint spray container with cover so constructed integrally with the tubular connector to be attached selectively to at least two different inlet structures for paint spray guns, namely, one type having an inlet provided with an internal screw thread and another type having an inlet

with a counter surface, on a projecting part, for example. The “universality” of the structure claimed in claim 5 eliminates the need for specifically matching the container discharge structure to the paint spray gun inlet structure and thereby reduces the cost of manufacturing while promoting versatility.

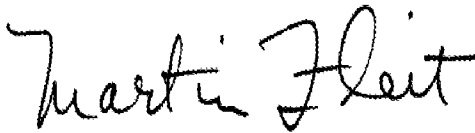
Thus the claimed structure of claim 5 is completely novel and entirely unobvious over the prior art which mandates that the the container structure match precisely the inlet structure of the paint spray gun, as evident from both of the prior art references cited, which show only direct matching. Neither structure taught by the cited references can be used to attach a container having a specific outlet structure to a paint spray gun having a non-matching inlet structure. Accordingly, the structure of claim 5 is clearly novel over the cited references and entirely unobvious. No cited reference recognizes the problem and none clearly offers any solution.

In view of the fact that no cited reference shows the structural details and limitations claimed in amended claim 5, nor is there any recognition of the problem solved by the present invention, it is respectfully requested that the application as amended be accepted to be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time, time sufficient, to effect a timely response, and shortages in this or other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Deposit Account of the undersigned, Account No. 500601 (Docket no. 7400-X06-152).

Respectfully submitted,

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